

OLD STATE CAPITOL

Fifth, Sixth, Adams, and Washington Streets, Springfield

From 1839 to 1876 this notable Greek Revival structure, designed by John F. Rague, served as Illinois's fifth state capitol. Abraham Lincoln was a member of the first legislature that sat here (1840-1841) and in 1858 gave his "House Divided" speech in accepting the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate. From 1876 until 1961 the former capitol was the Sangamon County Courthouse. Now a museum, it has been restored to its original appearance.